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To whom it may concern,

my name is Bart Spyra & I am briefly writing to you to state that I oppose the proposed settlement where MS would donate its own operating system along with hardware to schools in America. The reason behind my opposition is that I believe that this is just another means by which MS will be able to gain market share. This case was about anti-trust and MS was found guilty. Now it seems that instead of receiving a punishment they are receiving an award for their crimes. Now MS can legally put its competitors out of business as a "punishment" for illegally doing so. It just makes no sense whatsoever.

On the other hand I do support the idea of helping schools and giving those that are less fortunate a better chance in life. Thus, in my opinion I believe that MS should give the schools hardware of equal value as the software that they were originally going to offer. Red Hat has already offered to provide their open source Linux operating system free of charge to any and/or all schools in America if MS was to provide the hardware. This will support not only the schools and children, but will provide a fair punishment to a company that has been found guilty of seven counts of anti-trust.

Thanks in advance for your time & God bless.

Bart Spyra

\*ps remember that Red Hat is an American company as well. Therefore, by supporting them you are also supporting America, American technology and innovation.

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